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# Council rescinds left turn ban

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

The intersection at Water Street and Bobcaygeon Road in downtown Minden will stay as it is.

At their Feb. 13 committee-of-the-whole meeting, Minden Hills councillors decided to rescind a motion they'd passed at their Jan. 30 meeting to ban left turns from Water Street onto Bobcaygeon Road for a trial period starting in spring.

That decision drew largely negative response from the community and at Thursday's meeting, Dominion Hotel and Grill on the Gull owner Shawn Chamberlin appealed to councillors to change their minds.

"We felt overall, it wasn't the best alternative," Chamberlin said, explaining he'd been in conversation with other downtown merchants. "We would like to request that council reconsider the decision to install a three-way stop at that corner."

In December, council had voted to try out a three-way stop at the intersection, abandoning that decision in favour of the left turn prohibition in January.

"[Water Street] is one of our main access routes from Highway 35," Chamberlin said.

A three-way stop, he suggested, was preferable since it still slowed down traffic - "we like slow traffic downtown," he said - but wouldn't direct people away from the main strip.

Chamberlin thought a ban on left turns at the corner would create congestion elsewhere, including the hillside intersection at Milne and Newcastle streets and Deep Bay Road, which many motorists

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## 19th century experience

Jon and Penelope Hreljac, left, saw a log with Julie and Jared Belair at the Dorset Snowball Feb. 15 while Wayne MacGregor supervises at The Shantymans Tools, a 19th century woodworking demonstration. More photos on pages 10 and 11. **Jenn Watt Staff**

## Lennard work chosen for DUC national portfolio

**Jenn Watt**  
Editor

Minden artist John Lennard has been painting since he was a child and painting professionally his entire adult life.

Never in that time has he allowed prints to be made of his vibrant oil landscapes until Ducks Unlimited asked him this year.

"I've always been against prints made of my work and I have refused to do it myself," said Lennard, 76.

"In this instance, since I certainly approve

of the cause; I don't mind them doing it. It helps their efforts in protecting wildlife," he said.

Two thousand prints of *Autumn Afternoon*, a vivid scene from Redstone Lake on a crisp, sunny day, will be auctioned off across the country as the wetlands preservation charity raises money to save and create environment for waterfowl.

*Autumn Afternoon* was one of 15 chosen from amongst more than 1,000 images considered by Ducks Unlimited.

While the conservation organization typ-

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## Minden Hills goes on safari

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Minden Hills township will sponsor the second annual Deep Woods Safari, which will be hosted by the Haliburton ATV Association in the spring.

Councillors for the township received a request from HATVA for waiving fees for the event, which will take place May 2 to 4.

The request was for rental and labour valued at \$1,400, with labour comprising \$300 of that total.

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### Message received in Sochi

Jessica Duchene, left, and her brother Matt, who is playing for Team Canada at the Winter Games in Sochi, Russia, hold up the Highland Storm banner the family brought from the county. More than 200 signatures from supporters were featured.

Submitted by Vince Duchene

## Council grants support to Haliburton ATV Assoc. event

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"They also want to camp on the grounds," interim community services director Darren Levstek told councillors, explaining this would entail camper trailers. "I was told nobody was young enough to stay in a tent."

The safari will qualify under section B of the township's new events framework as a township-sponsored event.

Councillor Larry Clarke wanted to make sure that as such, the township was featured prominently in advertising. Clarke, noting that groups such as the Rotary Club give back to the community through investing in projects, wondered what HATVA would be contributing.

Reeve Barb Reid noted the association contributes \$5,000 a year to the county-operated Rail Trail and has spent thousands more on improvements to trails in the township.

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**They are contributors to the whole tourism mosaic of our area.**

— Minden Hills Reeve  
Barb Reid

our area," Reid said.

HATVA's request included the use of the fairgrounds for camping, the community centre, its kitchen, tables, chairs, the bar (with proceeds going to the township), use of garbage containers and the waiving of tipping fees.

The latter was a snag for councillors.

Councillor Brigitte Gall wondered what kind of impact the waiving of landfill tipping fees had on the environmental and property operations budget, with the disposal of unspecified amounts of garbage.

"As wonderful as these events are . . . I think that ultimately has an effect," Gall said.

Reid agreed.

"This is a ticketed event," the reeve said. "The disposition of garbage I don't think is something that is reasonable to absorb."

Councillor Lisa Schell pointed out the township has denied the waiving of tipping fees for other groups and events, including the ReMax charity yard sale last spring, partial proceeds of which went to flood relief.

Council will grant HATVA's request, with the exception of the tipping fee waiver.

## Lack of visibility at Bobcaygeon/Water St. intersection root of the problem

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would likely use to turn around and head back to the strip after being forced to take a right at Bobcaygeon.

"If it was me, I'd be turning around at Deep Bay Road," he said.

"We keep going around and around and around on this thing," said Councillor Ken Redpath, who chairs the township's roads committee.

Redpath had spoken out against the idea of a ban on left turns at the January meeting since he reasoned it would mean difficulty accessing the parking spots on the south side of Bobcaygeon Road along the downtown strip.

"That is going to be a disaster," he said. "We are going to prevent people from turning downtown, which is what we want them to do."

Redpath favoured the idea of a trial with a three-way stop.

Councillor Lisa Schell agreed on ditching the left turn ban, but said she couldn't support a three-way stop at the intersection since emergency services had advised against it.

It would create too much congestion, the councillor contended, bringing up the charity tolls that are conducted at the bridge during the cottaging season.

"It would be like having a toll bridge every day in the summer," Schell said.

The problem, she continued, are the sight lines, explaining that many constituents have told her the flower boxes along the bridge make it difficult to see through its railings during the summer.

"And in the winter of course, they gather snow."

Most councillors agreed that the main problem at the intersection was the lack of visibility and thought a three-way stop would cause too many issues.

"People are used to it the way it is now," said Councillor Jean Neville.

Reeve Barb Reid, who like Redpath still favoured a trial on a three-way stop, called council's decision "unfortunate."

"Only through trying things do you add fact to hypothesis, which I think is really important when you're in a leadership role," Reid said.

Council asked staff to look into the removal of the flower boxes on the bridge as well as the elimination of the parallel parking spot closest to the intersection on the north side of Bobcaygeon.

Banning left turns at the intersection was not a recommendation in the village development master plan the township commissioned from engineering firm AECOM Canada. "Do nothing" was an option, along with turning Water Street into a one-way and putting up a co-ordinated signal light for passing over the bridge.

Downtown merchants seemed relieved at council's decision.

"It seemed the worst solution they could have picked out," said Paul Reng of Minden Book and Stationery. "We're glad the left-hand turn [ban] was rescinded."

Craig Faulkner of the Village Chalet echoed Reng's sentiments, saying the ban would have reduced the traffic flow downtown.

"All the businesses would go out to the highway," Faulkner said, adding the township has spent a great deal of money in the village on assets such as Riverwalk.

Council has also decided to drop the speed limit through the village to 40 km/h. Road superintendent Kevin Hill said the 40 km/h zone will run along Bobcaygeon Road from Highway 35 to the cemetery on the other side of the village.

Hill had also recommended council reconsider its decision on the left turn ban.

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# News

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Jenn Watt Staff

Minden artist John Lennard stands with the original *Autumn Afternoon* painting, which was chosen by Ducks Unlimited for its National Art Portfolio. Two thousand prints were made of the work, which will be used in Ducks Unlimited fundraising events to generate money for wetland conservation across Canada.

## From New York City to Minden, it's always been about landscapes

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ically takes wildlife paintings, this year they varied the subject matter with an open category, which fit well with Lennard's work.

"Our new uncategorized art category is giving all artists – no matter what subjects they paint – the opportunity to be showcased, which in turn will attract new audiences both to the program and to DUC [Ducks Unlimited Canada]," said Scott Baker, national manager of retail programs for DUC in a press release.

Although Lennard is known for his colourful landscape paintings, he hasn't always been so literal.

During his days living in New York City, he painted abstracts, which he says were always inspired by landscapes.

"It slowly evolved back into recognizable imagery," he said.

Two of Lennard's favourite artists are Tom Thomson and Claude Monet, and his style reflects those influences with painterly treatment of foliage, a perpetually bright palette and Canadian Shield geography.

Born in Barrie and raised in Toronto, the artist has been coming to the Highlands his whole life,

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**I love colour. I see it everywhere.**

— John Lennard

starting with his parents' cottage on Big Hawk Lake.

The family still owns the refuge, which Lennard and his wife Marie live in through the spring, summer and fall months.

Lennard moved from New York City to Minden in 1988 and hasn't looked back.

Motivated by his love of nature and landscape painting, he happily churns out about 80 works a year.

"I love colour. I see it everywhere," he said.

"I just love doing it. I'm very fortunate I get to do what I really like doing."

## Not all police cars black and white

The Ontario Provincial Police central region is reminding motorists that not every OPP vehicle is black and white with a set of roof lights.

The OPP uses a number of different vehicles to provide a professional police service within Ontario. Some vehicles will have subdued OPP markings, while other vehicles are completely unmarked. One thing that is common in all types of police vehicles is that a combination of red and blue lighting is used to alert motorists to

either pull over or stop for the police. Drivers are also reminded to move over where they can or to slow down and pass with caution when they see a police or other emergency vehicle stopped at the side of a road.

Police officers normally wear an identifiable working uniform or they can be in what is commonly referred to as "plainclothes." A badge and warrant card also serves as a means to properly identify all police officers.

## County the (second) biggest loser

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

\$5.2 million.

That's how much police costs in Haliburton County would increase with the new proposed OPP billing formula set to come into effect in 2015, taking the county's policing bill from \$3.3 million a year to approximately \$8.5 million a year.

A special meeting of the county's finance committee was held Wednesday afternoon to brainstorm ways to deal with the unaffordable hike.

With its four lower-tier townships combined, the county is the second-most adversely affected municipality in the province after the District of Muskoka, which would see its annual police costs jump from \$9.7 million to \$17 million.

"Maybe there are more losers out there we need to band together with," treasurer Laura Janke told councillors.

Janke had researched the effects of the proposed changes, putting together charts for councillors.

Of the 323 Ontario municipalities served by the OPP, 190 would see their costs rise under the new formula, which seeks to equalize per household payments throughout the province at \$369.

In Algonquin Highlands, annual costs would increase by \$1.3 million to a total of \$1.6 million; in Dysart et al an increase of \$1.7 million would take costs to nearly \$2.8 million; in Highlands East a \$1 million increase would take its bill to \$1.6 million; and in Minden Hills a \$1.2 million increase would raise its annual police bill to \$2.4 million.

The new formula would make policing costs about 25 per cent of each township's total expenditures.

Those figures heighten if examined as a percentage of the levy – the amount of money townships collect from their taxpayers.

In Minden Hills and Highlands East, police costs would require 40 per cent of the tax levy; in Algonquin Highlands 44; and in Dysart et al, 53 per cent.

"\$5.2 million is leaving the county and nothing is changing," Janke said, explaining service levels would remain the same. "The model is flawed. It's wrong."

It is rural communities that are facing increases. "All of the urban centres are going down substantially," Janke said.

More than 100 municipalities would see their expenses drop under the new formula, with the most drastic decrease at more than \$4 million.

Janke, who disagrees with the per household model, noting that most taxation is done based on assessment, said councillors needed to look at some alternative frameworks that could be taken forward.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid will represent the county on an OPP billing steering committee created by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario. Its first meeting is Friday and

Reid believed the committee would be meeting on a weekly or biweekly basis.

"It's the seasonal residences that are pushing us through the roof," said Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey.

Under the OPP formula, seasonal and year-round residences are both weighted equally. Some 65 per cent of residences in the county are seasonal.

And while industrial and commercial properties do pay into policing costs, they don't factor into the formula.

They're not part of the headcount.

Janke suggested councillors look at a weighted model. If each seasonal residence in the county was counted as .5 of a residence, the annual \$8.5 million cost would drop to approximately \$5.7 million. Reid found reassurance in that Muskoka was facing a similar challenge and the county plans to make contact with its neighbour to the west, as well as other "loser" townships.

"That creates a sense of optimism in me that we have a big brother next door," she said.

Seventeen municipalities will be impacted with increases of \$1 million or more, 24 between \$500,000 and \$1 million and 149 will see an increase of up to \$500,000.

Janke said many in this latter category are looking at increases of maybe \$100,000 or \$200,000.

"They are not going to be looking at alternative police forces," Janke said.

Municipal governments do not have to utilize the OPP and many local governments have their own forces.

The Police Services Act allows for local governments to create their own forces or form agreements with adjacent municipalities that have their own forces.

"There's a lot of alternative police forces out there," Reid said, emphasizing some are in small and mid-size communities.

"I think there's more alternatives out there than we know about because we've never had to think about this before."

Reid has been adamant that a message needs to be sent to the OPP that it's not the only game in town.

A costing model from the auditor general put an annual price of an OPP officer at \$159,000, including salary, benefits, accommodation and other associated costs.

Under this model, the county, at the \$3.3 million it currently pays, pays for 21 officers. It has 29 in its contingent.

Under the new model, the \$8.5 million it would pay would equate to 54 officers. But the county would still have 29. "We're paying officers somewhere else," Janke said.

"This is not an OPP decision, it's the government," Fearrey said.

"We're not fighting the OPP here. This is hardship. This is about something we can't afford. This is the biggest thing that's happened ever in our county to destroy us."

The AMO steering committee expects to have its report completed in April.



There was plenty of high-paced action for the game of Stones during Winterfest in Minden at the baseball diamonds behind S.G. Nesbitt Arena on Sunday, Feb. 16. Winterfest offered a variety of activities such as curling, broomball, horse-drawn wagon rides, snowshoeing and skating over two days, from Sunday to Monday of the Family Day weekend.

## Fun and frolicking at Winterfest

**Photos by Darren Lum**

The annual Winterfest event offered a diverse selection of activities over two days this past weekend, starting on Sunday. It included horse-drawn wagon rides, Inuit games, snowshoe races, curling, cardboard box derby, broomball and skating.

This year's chili competition winner was the Minden Rotary Club, which took home the \$75 gift card from Dollo's Foodland in Minden.



Some children got their kicks at the Winterfest in Minden this past long weekend in activities such as soccer baseball.



Above, eight-year-old Brody Prentice of Minden shows off his winning entry in the cardboard box derby at the Winterfest in Minden on Sunday, Feb. 16. He used an entire roll of duct tape to make the sled.

Left, three-year-old Jack Gelinas, wearing 3-D glasses, works the vision screening test offered by the Minden Lions Club.

# Minden Hills passes 2014 budget

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Minden Hills councillors passed the township's 2014 budget of nearly \$5.6 million at a Feb. 13 meeting.

The budget includes a two per cent tax increase for township residents.

The chief administrative officer's department accounts for more than \$500,000; building, bylaw and planning approximately \$255,000; and the community services department approximately \$1.2 million.

The community services department includes the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, whose costs for 2014 are approximately \$330,000, as well as the operation of township's parks, halls, the Minden Hills Community Centre and the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena.

The budget for the fire department is approximately

\$430,000; environment and property operations, which includes the operation of the township's landfills, \$750,000; and roads \$2.5 million.

OPP costs for Minden Hills are approximately \$1.2 million.

Just less than \$180,000 has been allotted for council.

There is \$5,000 allotted for township-sponsored events and councillors questioned whether this was enough.

Under the township's new events framework, events are divided into township-operated events, township-sponsored events and events that take place on township property but are not affiliated with the township.

An example of a township-sponsored event would be the Minden Hills Bluegrass Festival, which council recently voted to waive fees for.

"Essentially, we've been paying for a lot of these things for years," interim community services director Darren Levstek told councillors.

Levstek has recommended that community groups make delegations to council about the sponsorship of their events so council can decide where they fit in the framework.

"We need to see an overview of those events," Reeve Barb Reid said.

Council decided to stick with the \$5,000 allotment for 2014.

Reid has expressed concern recently that too many community groups use public spaces without paying.

"Who actually pays for our facilities?" Reid asked. "Does anybody actually pay anything?"

"Yeah, of course," Levstek said, pointing to rental of the arena for minor hockey and the rental of the community centre for meetings and other events.

A sum of \$2,100 is allotted for Minden's Canada Day festivities and \$2,000 for the Santa Claus Parade. Nothing was allotted for the latter event in either the 2012 or 2013 budgets.

# County to explore high-speed funding

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

The federal budget unveiled Feb. 11 contains more than \$300 million for the expansion of high-speed Internet in rural areas but it remains to be seen if Haliburton County might get a piece of the proverbial pie.

The Conservatives have said the money will be used to improve the connection of some 280,000 households to high-speed Internet during the next five years.

"Let's wait until we get the criteria and details to see if we qualify," said Highland East Reeve and county warden Dave Burton. "We're going to explore those options."

Burton is also the chairman of the Eastern Ontario

Regional Network, a partnership between the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus and telecommunications company Bell Aliant.

In 2009, EORN began a massive project to provide 85 per cent of the EOWC jurisdiction with connectivity of 10 megabits per second and at least 1.5 megabits per second to 95 per cent of homes and businesses in the region.

"We're not finished yet," Burton said, explaining there have been a few setbacks, including severely cold weather this winter.

The county portion of the project was to be completed in 2013, but spring of this year is now the target date.

The area's terrain at the foot of the Canadian Shield has also posed a challenge.

"The things that we enjoy in Haliburton County sometimes come back to haunt us," Burton said.

Under the program, more hard-to-reach places are to be served by satellite Internet through Xplornet.

"I'm encouraging people to try it," Burton said. "It's not like the DSL [digital subscriber line] but it's the option we have."

These more difficult locations are spotted throughout the county, Burton said.

"EORN was pleased with the announcement for funding for rural residents across Canada," Lisa Severson, communication and stakeholder relations officer for the network, wrote in an email. "At this time we do not know what the program details are and will have to evaluate eligibility once the program information is released."

The entire EORN project is to be completed by the end of this year.

# MNR lays \$6,000 worth of fines for infringements

Six Ontario hunters pleaded guilty and were fined a total of \$6,000 for deer hunting offences.

Hugh MacDonald of Burnt River, David Jackson of Lindsay, Ritchie Cameron of Peterborough, Douglas Rumboldt of Ajax and James MacDonald of Whitby were each fined \$1,000 for failing to attach their game seals to white-tailed deer. James MacDonald of Newcastle was fined \$500 for the same offence.

Hugh MacDonald was fined an additional \$500 for possessing game seals that belonged to other people.

The court heard that on Nov. 9, conservation officers attended a Kinmount property where it appeared people had recently been hunting. When they spoke with Hugh MacDonald, the property-owner, they learned his group had shot four deer during the first week of the deer hunt. Officers located an 11-point buck, with no deer seal attached, hanging in the barn on the property. The officers discovered that three more untagged deer had already been transported to a butcher shop. They also found Hugh MacDonald in possession of game seals belonging to members of the hunting party who were no longer present.

Justice of the Peace Dianne Ballam heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Lindsay, on Jan. 24.

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## Two hunters fined \$4,000

Two hunters have been fined a total of \$4,000 for illegal deer and black bear hunting in the Kinmount area.

Gerald Walker of Kinmount pleaded guilty to hunting black bear without a licence, transporting wildlife illegally killed, failing to immediately attach his game seal to a deer he had harvested and transporting that deer without the seal attached. He was fined \$2,500 and received a hunting licence suspension.

Stephen Cutmore of Minden pleaded guilty to failing to immediately attach his game seal to a deer he had harvested and transporting that deer without the seal attached. He was fined \$1,500.

The court heard that on Nov. 2, conservation offic-

ers patrolling the Kinmount area located evidence of a recently harvested white-tailed deer. Officers later contacted Cutmore and found two deer and a black bear hanging in a barn on Cutmore's property. None of the animals

had game seals attached, and further investigation revealed that Walker did not possess a licence to hunt black bear.

*Submitted by the MNR*



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## In this corner

**L**OOK UP. Way up. There go your property taxes if the new OPP funding formula proposed by 2015 unfolds as planned.

This may be the apparent beating of a dead horse, but it's important.

It's important because the situation is direr than initially projected.

At a meeting of the county's finance committee last week, the treasurer informed councillors that under the proposed formula, the yearly policing costs for the county's four municipalities combined would jump from \$3.3 million to \$8.5 million. Haliburton County would be the second-most adversely affected municipality in the province, next to only the neighbouring District of Muskoka.

Yearly costs there would spike from \$9.7 million to \$17 million.

The impetus behind the new framework is apparently the equalization of municipal OPP costs throughout the province. While the county is among the losers, there are also winners, who will see their policing costs drop.

These areas are all urban centres, by the way.

The proposed increases are unfairly high and the county's townships cannot afford them.

Last week the county's treasurer used the words "wrong" and "flawed" to describe the funding formula.

That's strong language from a bureaucrat, folks. It's a big, fat red flag.

The auditor general has said the annual cost for one OPP equates to \$159,000, including salary, benefits, etc.

Using that figure, at the current rate, the county pays for 21 officers.

There are 29 at the Haliburton Highlands detachment, so, using the auditor general's figures, one could argue the county hasn't been paying its fair share (if one believes that police officers aren't overpaid).

With annual policing costs of \$8.5 million, the county would be paying for

54 officers, but see no service increase.

County taxpayers would be paying for its 29 officers, plus 25 more in other communities.

The county is getting steamrolled. Screwed.

"This is the biggest thing that's happened ever in our county to destroy us."

That's how Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey described the situation last week.

Fearrey has spent 40 years in municipal politics. He's seen a lot of stuff go down.

The proposed formula would mean more than half of his township's annual tax levy would be spent on policing costs, this figure dropping slightly for Minden Hills, Algonquin Highlands and Highlands East.

To absorb it would require massive property tax hikes. Fearrey has thrown around the figure of 35 per cent. He's scared that between OPP costs and increasing hydro bills, some county residents might lose their homes.

County council is doing its best to advocate for itself. It has requested and received a seat on an OPP billing costs steering committee organized by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid is the county's representative. Reid doesn't have trouble expressing herself and will no doubt get the message across.

However, that committee is comprised of reps of both loser and winner municipalities.

The reeve's voice will be countered by that of leaders whose jurisdictions are benefiting from the proposed framework.

One reader wrote on Twitter last week that it's time for the taxpayers to fight back and she's right.

For those so inclined, now is the time to speak up. Help your politicians. Petition the province. Call Laurie Scott. Contact the minister of community safety. Contact the premier's office.

Put on your proverbial boxing gloves. It's time to fight.



**Chad Ingram**  
Reporter



Photo by Chad Ingram

## letters to the editor

### Introducing a special father

#### To the Editor,

On Feb. 17, we celebrated Family Day. With that in mind, I would like to introduce you to a special father.

In 2002, Frank welcomed Schuyler into his home as a foster child.

This young man had many special needs and behavioural challenges and through Frank's unique parenting style and a genuine caring, Schuyler gradually flourished and thrived.

Coping with the turbulence of adolescence, supporting Schuyler during his years in high school, Frank provided a stable and secure family setting for Schuyler enabling him to develop at his own pace.

Frank's greatest strength was his ability to accept people as unique individuals and to apply individualized parenting to Schuyler.

Frank was a strong believer in education and with community support from the Second Circle Team, this young man graduated with a high school diploma in 2011.

Frank then helped fund Schuyler to complete the heavy equipment certificate, which provided the foundation for potential future employment. Frank drove him each day to Oshawa from Haliburton for this course and sat in class with him the first week to help Schuyler.

In January of this year, Schuyler celebrated his 21st birthday and he continues to thrive while residing with Frank.

Frank's willingness to "hang in there" benefited Schuyler and provided the opportunity for this young man to evolve into a valued member of the community.

There is a quotation: "A man stands tall when he stoops to help a boy."

In our eyes, Frank, you are a giant and we thank you and feel very privileged to have worked with you.

**Wendy and Cliff Harding (Directors of Helping Hands Treatment Foster Care)**  
**Dave Crowe - Foster Parent Support Worker for Helping Hands TFC**

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# points of view

## Send in the clowns

I DON'T KNOW much about economics, but I do know the law of supply and demand dictates that when there is a shortage of something, you can expect the price to go up.

I've remembered this ever since I visited a hunt camp that had only one beer in the fridge.

With that in mind, brace yourselves for some horrible news.

This week, the *New York Daily News* broke a story that confirmed what every economic analyst has suspected all along. Yes, there is an international shortage of clowns. That's right, clowns.

I don't think I have to tell you that we are in for some hard times. Unless I'm totally off base, clowns are a key economic indicator. And a shortage of them is going to hurt the global economy in a big way.

Even now, I'm assuming that this news is wreaking havoc in the lucrative ultra-compact clown car industry. Not only can you expect layoffs but I'd bet my last dollars that they're going

to start designing even smaller cars, since there are less clowns to fit in them. This is terrible news for Smart Cars and Mini owners who were relying on resale value.

But sadly, that's hardly the worst of it.

God knows what's going to happen to the already sluggish Seltzer bottle industry? Or the pancake makeup producers? And what about the novelty clown nose conglomerates?

Right now, as we all know, you can get a dozen novelty foam clown noses for \$5.25. But with fewer clowns looking to buy them and the market flooded with used clown noses, I suspect the price will plummet to \$4.99 or even less. Expect the same or worse for large swirl lollipops, balancing plates on sticks, squirt-gun lapel roses, and rubber chickens. Huge floppy shoes will likely go for a song too.

I tell you, it's Black Friday all over again!

You think these are the safe places to put your money – the things that even a slow economy can't touch – and then this happens. Now what am I going to do with 12 cases of clown socks?

But I digress.

Apparently, this happened because all the old clowns are dying and very few new clowns are joining the ranks. Why is that,

you ask? Well, it's because young people perceive clowns as uncool.

The good news is this whole crisis can be turned around by revitalizing the clown image.

That shouldn't be too difficult. Last I heard a good clown made \$300 a gig – which is the kind of money a columnist of my ability only dreams of. And now that there's a shortage of them, I expect their prices to rise.

But it's about more than the money. We need a new message.

Something like clowning is a glamorous lifestyle, much like modeling really.

It's true.

Both jobs require a person to wear heavy makeup, a fake nose, gaudy clothes and ridiculous shoes, right? And, just as in modeling, you get to make people laugh every time you take a fall or get smacked in the head with a dead fish.

The two are practically identical. You walk around under the spotlight for a few minutes a night – the only difference is you sweep it off stage.

Other than that, the pay, and the fact that I can't remember the last time I saw a clown on the cover of *Vogue*, there's hardly any difference at all.

So to summarize kids: become a clown and live a glamorous life.

But hurry, because if our senate ever gets abolished, the market will be flooded once again.

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**Steve Galea**  
Beyond 35

AMBLING THROUGH a sun-struck February morning, The Brown Dog Jiggs and I follow our shadows home.

Northbound with the sun at our backs, we step gingerly so as not to spoil the black echoes of the trail-side brush and saplings that cross our paths.

We have been out and about on Sapsucker Ridge on this perfect winter day in light that turns the world simple, all blacks and whites under a clear blue sky, almost without nuance.

An east-west trail groomed by our tracked ATV cuts a packed groove across a north-facing slope, its south edge trimmed in black by the shade of the cut.

Perfection. Perfect light. Perfect quiet. Perfect white. Perfect except for the tracks. Mine, the dog's, the ATV's. Narratives written in the snow by squirrels and mice, otters and deer.

Perfection improved on by proof of other lives. More than perfect, 11 on a scale of 10. Jiggs stops to smell the morning news, looks back over his shoulder, wags a single wag to encourage me.

Snow sparkling in the sunshine. White dimpled by snow clumps fallen

from branches. Davey's Brook frozen silent.

Then, early afternoon. Sunshine washes through south-facing cabin windows at an angle, three parallelograms of light side-by-side on the cabin floor.

The Brown Dog is sleeping on the floor. Or maybe just resting – you never can tell. Asleep with eyes open, or wide awake with eyes shuttered. Or the other way around.

Just say he is resting comfortably. Back end basks in the streaming brightness, head and shoulders basks in the heat of a wood stove.

At night, the flames would light up the room. In daytime, they are a dim backdrop to a roomful of sunshine.

At rest, Jiggs curls up in a tangle of long legs. His front half lies chest down, his long face nestled among his legs, then a torso twist puts his back end on its side.

He will soon be a dozen years old, all but his first few months in the cabin on Sapsucker Ridge. If I cross the room, his eyes open to follow me. Some afternoons, that is his only exercise.

Unless he dreams, back legs jerk-

ing with excitement. What is the stuff dog's dreams are made of? Do dogs have nightmares? Is Jiggs still a puppy in his sleep?

When I kneel to pet him, the touch of my hand rouses him. Jiggs raises his head to look at me for a moment, then rearranges himself, lies stretched flat on his side and groans an extravagant smooth collie groan.

Or maybe he lurches to his feet and heads out to the kitchen for several loud slurps of water, or to yip at something only he

can hear.

Or, startled, he might come awake to flounder like a beached trout, thumping and banging as he scrambles to his feet to stand there dazed and confused.

But so long as he is resting, the winter scene on that patch of living-room floor might be a still life painted by some Dutch master. There will always be props, for I am anything but tidy.

In the painting, Jiggs bathes in a pool of sunshine. Flames leap behind the stove's glass door. The ash shovel waits amidst bits of bark on the black-tiled stove platform. Dust dances in

the sunbeams.

Not far from the stove platform, a reddish-brown scar from a carelessly-dropped live coal is proof that, while laminate flooring won't burn, it will surely scorch.

On the laminate, yesterday's newspaper waiting to be tinder. A stray leaf that rode in on a piece of firewood. Maybe an old glove, perhaps a sock. A dropped dime. Winter white through the windows.

All is still, the only movement the inhale and exhale in The Brown Dog's flanks that tell you he is breathing.

Then, after dark, but not so very dark. The snow glitters under a full moon. Stars spangle the sky. You could read the headlines in the moonlight, but who would read on a night like this?

Is the road past Sapsucker Ridge still there? Jiggs and I take a bedtime stroll to check it out. Frost pops trees in the darkness. A bouquet of shadows, mellow in the moonlight, lies across our path.

The Brown Dog is by my side. His muzzle nuzzles my knee. All is right with his world.

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# letters

## Ideas for downtown Minden traffic congestion

### To the Editor,

Nice to note that someone has seen the need to solve the traffic problem in Minden. The left turn ban on Water Street considers only one half of part of the question and is likely to replace one conflict with another, however.

Several years ago our late reeve Ross Rigney asked me what I would do as a retired professional planner. We sketched up a one way road system for the "core area" then drove to prove that it worked.

One enters the loop from any feeder street

with a right hand turn (sometimes straight through) from a dedicated lane to a dedicated lane.

Cars exit the loop in a similar manner or continue around the next street by making a left turn from a dedicated lane to a dedicated lane.

No parking is lost. Pedestrians have traffic approaching from one direction only and there would be space for pedestrian safety islands on Main Street.

We determined that it should be possible to enter town on any feeder street and arrive at

any "core area" destination or exit on another street in one minute or less on an August afternoon.

This could be done with stopping (except at crosswalks) or entering a conflicting lane of traffic. Try doing that today.

Council should try the left turn ban. If it fails, call me. In the meantime, visit downtown St.Catharines where a similar system has been working well for decades.

Verne Brimsmead  
Moore Falls

## Dinner was delicious

### To the Editor,

We would like to say thanks for a great meal on Valentine's Day. The price and service were good. I would highly recommend the Village Chalet.

Mervin and Lois Barry  
Minden

## Five things you should know about OPP municipal policing

**Rick Philbin**  
OPP Superintendent

In this article, the Commander of the OPP's Municipal Police Bureau addresses some misconceptions and misunderstandings about how the OPP polices municipalities both under contract and non-contract basis and recovers the costs.

There is currently a healthy and important debate underway about the cost of policing in Ontario and future sustainability.

Part of that discussion involves how the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) delivers police services to 324 municipalities and our current billing model, which is under review.

In the interest of contributing to informed debate, here are five things everyone who lives in an OPP-policed municipality should know.

**All municipalities must provide policing services to their constituents.** They can do this in a several ways. Just one of these is contracting services from the OPP under Section 10 of the Police Services Act (PSA).

A municipality may also: establish a police service; enter into an agreement with one or more other municipal councils to constitute a joint police service board; enter into an agreement with one or more councils to amalgamate their police services; or contract services from an adjacent police service (a police service that shares a political boundary with the contracting municipality).

If none of these choices are exercised, policing services are provided by default by the OPP under Section 5.1 of the PSA.

Municipalities have these policing choices and many decide on the OPP for a variety of good reasons.

I am pleased to report that OPP-

policed communities report a high level of satisfaction with our services.

**Provincial regulations require the full and fair cost recovery from municipalities for OPP services.**

The OPP and the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services are in the midst of a billing model review that will result in a fairer, more transparent and less complex process – something many municipalities have demanded.

The total revenues recovered under the new model will still be solely cost recovery, but some municipalities will pay more and some will pay less.

**The provincial Auditor General has also recommended that the Ontario Provincial Police should simplify its costing and billing methods.**

He also said the OPP should make the billing and costing methods more transparent and "address the issues that result in municipalities paying different rates" (2012 Provincial Audit).

In 2015, under the proposed billing model an estimated base cost per household of \$260 would be charged along with a cost for calls for service.

OPP-policed municipalities that currently pay lower than \$300 per household should see their policing costs rise; municipalities that currently pay more than \$400 per household should see their policing costs drop. Let's be honest, some municipalities have enjoyed unrealistically low policing costs with the OPP for many years, while others have paid much higher per household due to a complex billing process. Addressing this discrepancy is the right thing to do, although we acknowledge that the transition for the municipalities who will experience rising costs will be difficult. The Ontario government is considering ways to lessen the financial impact during the transition to a new billing model.

**The OPP cost recovery formula**

**resulted in a reduction of one per cent in billing for direct operating expenses (gas, uniforms, computers, etc.) from 2010 to 2013.**

This was a significant accomplishment compared to other police services which are also struggling with rising costs in a time of restraint.

I must acknowledge that uniform salaries, which are not part of the cost recovery formula, are 80 to 85 per cent of the overall costs charged to OPP-policed municipalities.

After two years without receiving a general increase in wages (2012, 2013), OPP officers received an increase of 8.55 per cent in 2014 to raise the salary of an OPP Provincial Constable to be equal to that of the highest paid police service in the province.

The OPP will have to recover these costs in the municipalities it polices.

**Regardless of any changes to billing and the wage raise in 2014, the OPP remains the most cost-effective policing option for many municipalities in Ontario.**

OPP costs, on average, are less than half of the average cost of municipal police services in the province (based on OPP and Ministry of Finance data).

While the per household cost of policing can vary widely under the current billing model, our low per household cost average tells us that the OPP is doing a really good job of being cost-effective and efficient.

The men and the women of the OPP are dedicated professionals who provide a wide range of policing services to Ontario's communities.

We continue to work hard each and every day to keep the trust and confidence of the people of this province.

We look forward to continuing to work with all of our partners to ensure a safe and secure Ontario.

## Stretch your food budget, eat well – get a Garden Buddy

SIRCH Community Services with partners Abbey Gardens and Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPR) are launching a pilot program where seasoned vegetable gardeners are paired with people who want to learn how to grow their own food and could benefit from gardening for its health benefits - body, mind and spirit.

We are looking for people - individuals, families and members of the "older and bolder" crowd - who want a Garden Buddy to guide them through the process of growing their own vegetables. A Garden Buddy will help you gain knowledge and know-how around seed starting, planting, garden planning, safe gardening practices, harvesting and more. The Garden Buddies program will also supply learners with starter kits which will include things like seeds, seed trays, some gardening implements, tip sheets and more. Your Garden Buddy will be available to you at home, online and by phone over the course of the project. Yes, Garden Buddies come to you!

The growing season is just around the corner and our Garden Buddies volunteers are getting ready to spring forth and help you grow amazing, nutritious vegetables! We have a limited number of spots available in this exciting new program, so contact SIRCH by March 3 to sign up.

To take part in the program, to be a mentor and to get more information about Garden Buddies please call Daniela Pagliaro by March 3 at 705-457-1742, ext. 31 or email her at [daniela\\_pagliaro@sirch.on.ca](mailto:daniela_pagliaro@sirch.on.ca). Many thanks to our partners and funders: Abbey Gardens, HKPR, Ontario Sports and Recreation Communities Fund and Harvest Haliburton.



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# Watching the water in Minden Hills

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

With spring just upstream, anxiety is starting to build in Minden about what it might bring.

It's been a cold, snowy winter and some residents are getting worried about a repeat of last spring, when severe flooding left parts of the village under water for three weeks.

"The questions are starting to come in," Minden Hills fire chief Doug Schell told councillors during their Feb. 13 meeting.

Schell said the township was putting together media releases about flood prepar-

edness for distribution.

"I did a little drive around this week," the chief said, adding he'd also been checking the Trent-Severn Waterway's website. "Water levels are average or below average for this time of year."

Schell said flooding is unlikely to be as severe as it was in 2013, but noted it will happen to some degree.

"There's always flooding in Minden," he said.

The community is built on a floodplain.

Schell said a flood preparedness plan would be posted on the township's website, along with the links to the TSW and Ministry of Natural Resources websites.

The MNR is responsible for the dissemina-

nation of information around TSW operations and water levels.

Reeve Barb Reid said the township will be having a meeting with the MNR.

"The purpose of that delegation is to express our anticipation, even anxiety, that this community has," Reid said, adding the public needs to know operational information, such as if the dams south of Minden are open.

"If the dams are open, then everything that can be done is being done," she said.

Reid said the township has also been successful with its request for delegation with federal environment minister Leona Aglukkaq.

"We need to make sure she's aware that

our destiny lies in the decision-making of Parks Canada," the reeve said.

That meeting will take place in March.

In 2014, the township will see a nearly 15 per cent increase in its insurance premiums, the equivalent of just more than \$30,000.

"The majority of this increase is the result of increased claims," treasurer Lorrie Blanchard wrote in a report to council.

The per cent deductible for property damage related to flood has increased from \$50,000 to \$100,000, Blanchard wrote.

Damage to Riverwalk, the boardwalk and the fire hall were eligible for insurance.

Road damage is not eligible.

# MH wants consultation on ramp pilot project

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Minden Hills councillors have asked the township's interim chief building officer to consult with Minden merchants before making a decision on an accessibility ramp pilot project.

In September, the Haliburton Kawartha Lakes Pine Ridge District Health Unit requested that the township proceed with the pilot project, which would place removable ramps at businesses entrances along

the main strip of Bobcaygeon Road for improved accessibility.

The Stop Gap campaign, using brightly coloured ramps, has been successful in other communities.

Minden Hills interim chief building officer Colin McKnight recommended the township not proceed with the project.

"Installation of the accessibility ramps would impose complications in regard to sidewalk cleaning in the winter months as well as accumulation of water," interim chief building official Colin McKnight wrote in a report to council. "The ramps have no means of being anchored in the

winter months, which would be dangerous to the public and put a large liability on the municipality should any member of the public, slip, trip or fall on or over the accessibility ramp. As well, the proposed accessibility ramps do not meet the minimum standards under the Ontario Building Code."

Reeve Barb Reid asked if McKnight had consulted downtown business owners and McKnight said no.

Reid suggested he do so.

"If nobody's interested, then you don't really have an issue," she said.

Dysart et al has approved in principle a

pilot project for Haliburton Village.

"It seems to me we can sit and watch the experience in Dysart," Reid said.

The reeve thought the initiative was a worthwhile one.

"I agree with madam reeve that we should reach out to the community," said Councillor Brigitte Gall.

McKnight will be consulting with business owners.

The township's chief building official remains Ken Jones, who has been on leave for three years.

# Candidates continue to trickle in for October municipal elections in county

Council hopefuls continue to put their names in as candidates leading up to October's municipal elections.

Algonquin Highlands has three candidates so far.

Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen will run for councillor of Ward 2; Councillor Marlene Kyle will run to retain her spot representing Ward 3; and Councillor Lisa Barry will put her name on the ballot for one of the two Ward 2 seats.

(In Algonquin Highlands there are two positions of councillor for Ward 2. That council also chooses its deputy-reeve from amongst its councillors rather than putting the position up for election by the general population as does Highlands East.)

Minden Hills has a robust roster of candidates already with eight declared.

For the top spot, Brent Devolin will challenge incumbent Reeve Barb Reid.

Current Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch will seek re-election to the same position.

Ron Nesbitt has put his name forward for the councillor at large spot.

Current Ward 1 councillors Lisa Schell and Brigitte Gall are both intending to run again for their positions. (There are two Ward 1 positions in Minden Hills.)

Current Ward 2 and 3 councillors Ken

Redpath and Jean Neville respectively have both registered to run again.

On the east side of the county, Cecil Ryall is one of the most recent candidate to announce he's running for council in October 2014.

Ryall is the sitting councillor for Ward 3, which covers the Gooderham area of Highlands East.

So far, he is the only one who has declared his intention to run in that municipality.

In Dysart, five have filed paperwork to run in the election.

Last week, Bob Nichol declared his intention to run for the Ward 1 councillor position, while current Deputy-reeve Bill Davis plans to challenge Nichol for that spot.

Earlier this month, Councillor Dennis Casey filed papers to run for deputy-reeve in October and Councillor Susan Norcross registered her intention to retain her position representing Ward 4.

Ward 5 Councillor Walt McKechnie also recently filed papers to keep his spot on council.

For school board trustee, current trustee Gary Brohman has registered for election for the English school spot, while for the French position Michael Ross of Ajax intends to run.

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Kids bounced safely along the snowy ground and into one another in the BodyZorb Balls in the ball diamond in Dorset as part of the Snowball activities Feb. 15.



Wildlife caller Stephen Morrin clowns around with participants in his presentation, which is always a crowd-pleaser outside the fire hall in Dorset as part of the Snowball activities on Feb. 15

## Having a ball in Dorset

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Brian and Ruth Lynch have been Dorset Snowball's Mr. and Mrs. Snowball for five and eight years, respectively. The pair said their costumes are the warmest thing to wear on a frigid winter day.

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Lewis Mulley, 6, of Toronto hammers nails at the Shantyman's Tools area at the Dorset Snowball Feb. 15.



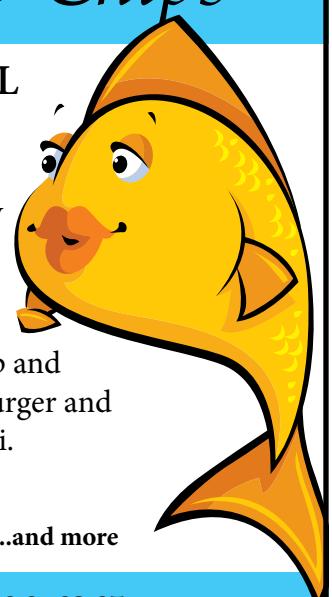
Cassidy Tarvainen, 9, of Lefroy, Ont. tries out the gyroscope brought by Elephant Thoughts.



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# Auction generates \$12,000 for youth

Jenn Watt  
Editor

For the third year in a row, the Kinmount community gave big to its young people at the annual auction fundraiser Feb. 8.

The Galway Community Centre was packed with 160 attendees all eager to place their bids for items donated by local businesses, raising \$12,000 in one evening.

The money goes to the Kinmount District Bursary Fund, which doles the dollars out to Kinmount youth headed to college, university or the trades.

"It's been overwhelming because all of the businesses participate," said organizer Khosrow Eshkour, chairman of the bursary fund and owner of the Kinmount Pharmacy.

The idea to start the bursary came a few years back when Eshkour was looking for the best way to make an impact in the community. Previously, around Christmas the Kinmount Pharmacy had been doing a turkey drive.

He heard that the rate of attendance in postsecondary education for local youth was lower than the provincial average and thought he might be

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*—Khosrow Eshkour, owner of Kinmount Pharmacy*

able to help.

A committee was formed and each year for the past three more than \$10,000 has been raised at the auction event.

Typically, grant recipients receive \$1,000 – \$500 given up front after demonstrating financial need, and \$500 once they are in school and can demonstrate good grades.

In the future, the bursary board hopes criteria can be expanded to allow young people from outside Kinmount to receive grants as well.

"It's been very exciting," said Eshkour. "It was a good cause and it's all local. Truthfully, every year ... you get touched by how much support you get from the local people to raise \$12,000 from a small community in one night."

He thanked the donor businesses for their contributions as well as auctioneer Doug Pearson, the Galway committee for donating the hall and food, Kinmount Pharmacy and Madeline Pearson for preparing the food.



Volunteers served up dinner at the loonie auction at Galway Community Centre on Feb. 8. The auction benefited the Kinmount District Bursary Fund, which gives out money to local youth attending college, university or entering the trades. This year they raised \$12,000.

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# Girls' hockey team defeats St. Mary's in Kawartha quarter finals

The following are sports briefs for the week of Feb. 10 to Feb. 14.

The junior boys' basketball team travelled to Petawawa for a weekend tournament. After losing the first game to a bigger, stronger, and faster team from Ottawa, the boys turned it around with a big win over Bayridge from Kingston and had a narrow loss to MacDonald from Deep River. The whole weekend featured spirited play from everyone. The team was led by Sage Christiano's rebounding, Drew vanLieshout's defence, and Ethan Cooper and Caleb Schmidt's offence. Schmidt averaged more than 10 points per game.

The senior boys' basketball team played three intense, spirited games at a tournament in Petawawa. Although the team came up short, they gained valuable playing experience.

The girls' hockey team travelled to Peterborough to play St. Mary's in the Kawartha quarter-final playoffs. Being down 1-0 going into the third period, the Red Hawks found a second gear and scored two unanswered goals – Erin Little with a nice forehand/backhand deke, and Erica Carmount's game winner off a goal-mouth scramble. Great team effort from all.

The senior Red Hawks basketball team travelled to Lindsay for the first round of the Kawartha playoffs. Playing against a seasoned squad from Cobourg West, the Red Hawks began tentatively and gave

up some early turnovers and missed lay-ups. In the second half, the Red Hawks found their confidence and matched Cobourg bucket for bucket. The final score Cobourg 45, Red Hawks 25.

The junior boys' basketball team lost a close game to St. Mary's from Cobourg. Shane O'Reilly led the way with eight points, and the boys showed great heart and class as they tried unsuccessfully to fight their way back from a five point first half deficit.

The Nordic ski team travelled to Hardwood Hills for the COSSA championships. McKenzie Hill placed sixth and Christine Bishop placed fourth to advance to OFSAA in Timmins.

Congratulations to the wrestling team on their performances at the Kawartha wrestling championships. Five Red Hawks placed in the top four of their weight class to advance to COSSA. Carmen Galea and Matt Sexsmith placed fourth, while Matt Pheaton earned second. Special congratulations to Kawartha champions Sonya Flatman and Rebecca Hamilton.

The boys' Red Hawks hockey team went down to defeat in Fenelon Falls, losing 3-2 in league play. The team's solid performance throughout the season has given them first place going into the playoffs.

*Submitted by Judi Paul*



Darren Lum Staff

Red Hawks snowboarder Regan Casey competes at the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics championships at Sir Sam's Ski and Bike Centre in Eagle Lake on Friday, Feb. 14.

## 18 Hawks OFSAA bound

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

Robin Hogarth led the Red Hawks with another blistering performance at the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics championships a week after her golden Kawartha event.

At Sir Sam's Ski and Bike Centre in Eagle Lake, Hogarth showed the Kawartha win wasn't a fluke, carving to a combined time of 59.07.

Despite the fast time, Jaimie Figueira of Fenelon Falls Secondary School managed to squeeze a little more out of the course with a time of 58.38.

Both had the fastest times of the day.

Joining Hogarth to compete at the all-provincials from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School will be Hunter McTeague, who finished third, Christina Stephen, Beth Foster, McKenzie Hill and Christine Bishop.

The boys' field was led by Hawks racer Regan Casey with a combined time of 60.25 while teammate Roman Gardiner got second, Jesse Davis, third and Hunter Francis, fourth.

Rounding out the top 10 finishers were eighth place Joshua Rowden, ninth place Hunter Bishop and 10th place Preston Roberts. All of the above are advancing.

There are 18 Red Hawks competitors going to the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations championships at the Mansfield Ski Club on Feb. 27.

Also going from the Hawks to the all-provincials from the boys' field are Del Mey-

ers, Nolan Nicholson, Brenden McKee and Gage Roylance.



Robin Hogarth got a combined time of 59.07 in the COSSA championships

## Notices



### COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CONSENT

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the *Planning Act* and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Application for Consent has been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

**AND FURTHER THAT** at its meeting to be held **Monday, March 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, this Application for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-043/13  
Applicant: William McMullen  
Location of the Property: Pt. Lots 28 & 29, Concession 6, Geographic Township of Minden  
Nature of the Application: New Lot

Additional information regarding the above-noted application is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

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Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014

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# Olympians inspire exercise in Kinmount

**Patti Fleury**

Around the Town

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Here at the old farmhouse it is Day 3 of my high profile diet program which portrays incredible success stories on its television commercials. Inspired by the Olympic athletes clearly it was time to master such regular household challenges as the daily stair climb and evening's final sprint to the "loue". Our usual friendly Purolator driver seemed somewhat more cautious as he carried the large carton and gingerly deposited it on the kitchen porch. On its lid the bright red square warned Caution - contains dry ice, wear gloves and do not directly touch the dry ice as it can cause burns. "Steaks" the driver enquired. Watching him drive out the long laneway now with snow sides as high as the Sochi bobsleds run we felt like two senior subversives about to find their names on a no fly list. My editor Jenn has kindly asked for a new picture to grace this column. Reading this she will understand why I plan to hold off until after some magical results have restored a more youthful image in keeping with my celebrity freelancer status.

Join in with Scott Gartshore and Dirt Road at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 441 Kinmount for the open mic Jamboree this Sunday, Feb. 23 from 1 to 5 p.m. The admission charge is \$7. Give the branch a call at 705-488-3462 to learn more about the many ongoing programs including darts, cards, bingo and much more. Information about membership and hall rental can also be obtained through that contact number.

If you find yourself, a relative or friend in a grieving situation sharing these difficult times with others in a small group setting can be very beneficial. The bereavement group, meeting in the lower level of Minden United Church, has started a four week series on Tuesdays from 2 to 4 p.m. The entrance to that lower level of the church is from the parking lot off Chandos Street and is wheelchair accessible. For further information/registration please call Donna at 705-286-1237 or Nancy at 705-286-1305.

Are you a trivia buff? Why not test your skills at the Victoria Pony Club annual fundraiser coming up on Saturday, March 1 at the Galway Hall. This year's format will be a trivia night plus both a loonie and country auction. There will not be a dinner but pizza will be served later in the evening. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for a 7 p.m. start. Tickets are \$10 and available from any Pony Club family or by

contacting Guy Scott at 705-488-3182 or Julie Austin 705-488-2291. There are now 18 Club members ranging in age from 7 to 19 years and their achievements in competition are very impressive. For more details on the Club give Guy a call.

Catch the Olympic spirit at Kinmount's annual "Winterfest" this Sunday, Feb. 23. To kick off the celebrations come out and enjoy more family fun at the Community Snowflake Ball the evening before (Saturday, Feb. 22) from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Kinmount Community Centre. Sponsored by the Community Centre Board of Management there will be music, dancing, family activities and a snack bar by donation. Enjoy a hearty Pancake Breakfast on Winterfest morning at the Community Centre serving from 8 to 11 a.m. before heading off to the Arena/Fairgrounds for activities and special exhibits. New this year will be the Crazy Canuck Fashion Show with such favourites returning as horse drawn sleigh rides, public skating, games, contests and of course the Downhill Dash Cardboard Toboggan Race. There will be a prize for the best decorated sled in keeping with the Olympic theme and remember that helmets are mandatory.

Happy Birthday wishes go out to our faithful reader (and cousin) Margo in London, Ontario. Until next week . . .

## County card scores

February 11 contract bridge at Club 35: Posting the highest score was Ross Fletcher 6,100 then Nancy Kursbatt 5,990 and Rob Eaton 5,350. Sandy McKay won the lucky draw while Doreen De Grave was awarded the Shiny Penny.

February 11 contract bridge at Minden United Church: From Nancy Ballantyne the news that top marks went to Dave Gray at 5,720 then Diane James 4,850 and Bob Penfold 4,530. Bob also teamed up with Gail Flook for a Small Slam.

February 11 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: For the gents Ed McDowell was high and Gord Darby low with Helen Burk high lady and Rae Dawn Sheppard low. Lone hand honours went to our reporter Nancy McPherson while Shirley Davis won the special prize.

February 11 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading ladies were Sharron Atkinson 337, Janice Davidson 288, Pat Roussel 286 and Vi Howell 268. At 324 Georgina Parkes was first for the gents followed by Tom Grix 310, Bruce Medcalf 269 and tied for fourth spot at 264 Marcel Roussel and Albert Foster. Pat Roussel won the major draw with Shirley Milne, Vi Howell and Clare Obdam claiming the smaller prizes while Howard Smith and Vi Howell along with Marcel and Pat Roussel took the moonshots. Thanks to Betty Wagar for this report.

February 11 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: Pearl Cowen reports that Bev Alexander and Tom Macartney took top spot at 470 then Pam Pappas and Merv Elstone 371. In third place at 340 were Margaret Oetelaar and John Platt while Kay Bull partnered with Beverly Kerr posted the afternoon's low of a respectable 218.

February 12 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing Howell Peter O'Connor and Gord Cochrane led at 64 percent with Diana Spicer and our bridge reporter Muriel McIntosh next at 59 percent.

February 12 bid euchre at Stanhope: At 214 Margaret Oetelaar led the white cards then Colin Miller 211 and Jason Peacock 205. Top marks for the pinks went to Jean Scadden at 260 followed by our reporter Linda Lambert 235 and Lottie Ruttan 229 while Margaret Oetelaar, Jean Dutka and Al McMullen claimed the moonshots.

February 13 euchre at Minden Legion: Lone hand honours went to Pearl Cowen and Murray Daniels with our reporter May and Jim Bradbury posting the high scores. The evening's lows went to Linda Hopkins and Jesse Barlow who also took home one of the other prizes along with Murray Daniels, Linda Hopkins and Jim Bradbury.

February 13 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Leading ladies were Pat Roussel 299, Vi Howell 281, Betty Wagar 272 and Karin Harrison 247. Top marks for the gents went to Clare Obdam 311, Kevin Maloney 298, Jesse Barlow 247 and Pat Bailey 246. Eileen Shapiera was a triple threat claiming the "call 1", the hidden score and a moonshot along with Jesse Barlow, Belle Walker and Pat Roussel. Thanks to Bev Johnson for this update.

February 14 bid euchre at Club 35: For the pinks Linda Voycey led at 223 then Ann Mann 211 and Linda Lambert 209. First for the whites at 263 was Margaret Oetelaar followed by Clara Mischio 212 and Penny Elliott 199. Our reporter Jean Dutka held the hidden score with Ann Mann claiming the only moonshot.

February 14 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: Shirley Howe reports that Kevin Maloney won for high hands, Pat Bailey for lone hands, Ellen Holden for low hands and Doreen Francis for the special prize.

February 14 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Playing Howell Ross Fletcher and Gord Cochrane took top marks at 66 percent then Kathie Porter partnered with Helen Baker 61 percent.

February 15 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Leading ladies were Barb Robitaille 319, Ida Young 284, Vi Howell 263 and Pearl Cowen 239. At 291 our reporter Bev Johnson was first for the gents then Tom Grix 333, Kevin Maloney 231 [happy birthday] and Theresa Deak 203 with moonshots landing on Tom Grix, Dwaine Lloyd, Karin Harrison, Kevin Maloney and Ida Young [2].

February 16 Sunday bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Bev Johnson reports that the high scores in order went to Pearl Cowen, Theresa Deak and Vi Howell. Howard Smith held the hidden score, Pearl Cowen won for the "call 1" and moonshots went to Tom Grix and Doug McIntosh.

February 17 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand holders were Pearl Cowen and Deanna Cooper with Kay Godden and Shirley Morden posting the high scores. The afternoon's low went to our reporter Tim Sharpe while Deanna Cooper also took home the special prize.

February 17 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: The top trio members were Marcel Roussel 301, Ida Young 283 and Sam Gaudet 273. Sam also won the draw and Frank Franzen took the single moonshot. Thanks to Rose Isaacson for this news.

February 17 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Albert

Foster won for high hands, Nick Boekestyn for lone hands, our reporter Sherin Brown for low hands and Maria Tschida for the special prize.

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# Legion lounge is open to the public



Minden Legion hopes you enjoyed the time with your family on Family Day. This is also Heritage Week and people ask how to research their ancestors' military service. There are several paid sites, but there's no cost to access the military or family research databases at Library and Archives Canada <http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/Pages/home.aspx>. Another site is the Last Post death notices supplied by Branches through the Legion magazine <http://legionmagazine.com/en/last-post>. If you need other suggestions, email [rclbranch636@hotmail.com](mailto:rclbranch636@hotmail.com), with the subject "Public Relations Officer" or leave a message at 705-286-4541.

The whole Legion lounge was cheering Sunday afternoon as our Olympic team defeated Finland 2-1 in a nail-biting overtime game. The food was yummy Newfy Steak

'n Rice made by Jenn and Rick plus an assortment of pizzas brought in by the crew from Gelert for everyone to share. Thanks everyone!

We have three TVs and our lounge is warm and open to the public. Why not bring your friends next Sunday afternoon for the Olympic hockey finals or the Daytona 500?

Wednesday meat draws at Minden Legion continue to be very popular with a selection of butcher-quality meats. One of the winners last week was a couple that comes regularly from Peterborough, another was one of our long-time active volunteers. Congratulations to everyone who supports the Legion and our community charities. Our debit machine has been well received by customers, but we do not accept credit cards and there is no cash back available. Thank you to all who have applied for the temporary position of bartender. We were very fortunate to select an experienced bartender, Tyna Hie, who worked part-time for the branch six or seven years ago.

Friday Feb. 28 youth education chairman Kevin Smith will be presenting cash awards for the Remembrance posters and essays at Archie Stouffer Elementary School. Sev-

eral of these young people entered in more than one category and the first place finishers all went on to compete at the next level.

Minden Legion would like to issue a tongue-in-cheek apology to those who decided to stay home last Saturday because Minden was sending another team to District Sports. There was no snow storm this time but Mother Nature will have another chance on March 29 when Lindsay hosts Zone F-4 mixed darts. Most of our activities are open to the public, but you must be a paid-up member to represent the Branch at these sports events. Our Zone includes 13 branches from Haliburton to Sunderland and Minden Legion has set aside some financial assistance to help with travel and registration. If you are a member of our Branch and you like to play darts, get a team of two men and two women together and sign up at the bar.

All members are asked to verify that their card is current and their dues are paid for 2014. Every member makes a difference, in our branch, our community, and in the national strength of more than 320,000 members of the Royal Canadian Legion.

## Lifeliners looking for spare pots and pans stickers

**Melissa Alfano**  
Dorset News

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Here is a note from Dorset resident Charlie Scott-Field: "I would like to take this opportunity to solicit your help in sponsoring me in the annual Huntsville Table Food Bank's 10K Coldest Night of The Year Walk on Saturday, Feb. 22. I was fortunate to raise \$1,000 last year and, with your help, I'd love to surpass that amount. If anyone is interested in sponsoring me they can do so by mailing me a cheque with

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The Dorset Lifeliners are saving the stickers you get when shopping at Robinson's General Store to put towards new

pots and pans. If you are not saving them, please donate to this group who helps out so much and gives all back to the community. They can be dropped off at Coldwell Banker Wiley Real Estate with Judy Lilliman. Thanks in advance!

The Dorset Lions Club is hosting their annual complimentary senior's dinner for Dorset area residents ages 50+ on Wednesday, Feb. 26 at 6 p.m. Please RSVP by Feb. 19 by calling Gail at 705-766-9558.

Birthday wishes for Feb. 16 to 22 go out to Lisa and Lindsay Dunn, Chris Clarke, John Keown and Jamie Hurley.

If you have items for the Dorset News, please send them to my home email address which is [malfano@hotmail.ca](mailto:malfano@hotmail.ca) or give me a call at home at 705-766-0076.



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High single. Fred Phipps 262  
High single hdcp. Fred Phoops 303  
High triple. Fred Phipps 603  
High triple hdcp. Fred Phipps 736  
Ladies.  
High avg. Chris Cote 193  
High single. Solveg Stout 221  
High single hdcp.. Solveg Stout 30  
High triple. Solveg Stout 482  
High triple hdcp. Solveg Stout 744

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Men.  
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High single.Ernie Winterburn 270  
High single hdcp.Ernie Winterburn 317  
High triple.Ken Thompson 670  
High triple hdcp. Ken Thompson 679

Ladies.  
High avg. Chris Cote 189  
High single.Rae Shepherd 212  
High single hdcp.Rae Shepherd 267  
High triple.Rae Shepherd 514  
High triple hdcp.Rae Shepherd 679

Fri Feb. 14/14  
Men.  
High avg.Claude Cote 208  
High single. Tom Marshall 245  
High single hdcp.Tom Marshall 284  
High triple. Tom Marshall 637  
High triple hdcp. Tom Marshall 801

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# Tie for Midget B girls in playdowns

The Highland Storm Minden Car Quest midget B girls started their second round league play-offs against the number one seed, Ennismore Eagles, on the road. The Storm girls travelled to Lakefield Wednesday night to take on the high flying Eagles in a best of 3-4 point series. The game plan was simple - work hard, play aggressive and make smart decisions ... and try to win 1-0. The last regular season game, the Storm tied Ennismore (with a record of only one regular season loss) 0-0. The Storm whirled up a tremendous effort taking on the challenge to keep Ennismore off the score sheet, despite being out shot 33-13. Connor Marsden stopped all Eagle snipers in her well-deserved shut-out tie of another 0-0 game. The tie guarantees a game three back in Ennismore on March 5 after the Storm hosts the Eagles in Minden March 2. Keep up the determined efforts girls as we also start our Provincial play downs this weekend on the road to Keene and Cold Creek.

The Highland Storm Minden Car Quest midget B girls started their four-game provincial play downs this past weekend on the road against Keene on Saturday and Cold Creek on Sunday. The Storm girls looked to keep up their Ennismore play-off level of play as they took to the ice. Against Keene, the Storm girls secured an early lead off a point shot from Maddie Allore midway through the first period. The Wolverines lived up to their name and never gave up, fighting back, tying the game up in the second period. The game was a hard fought contest with both sides having opportunities to take the lead. Keene capitalized on their chances and scored two more unanswered goals securing the 3-1 win. Even with the goalie pulled and an extra attacker, the Storm could not find a way to put another puck past the Wolverine tender.

The Storm girls travelled to Frankford the next afternoon to play the Cold Creek Comets in their second game of four, in the four-game Provincial Play Down format. The Highland Storm knew this game would be a do-or-die game to continue their possibility of playing in the Provincial Championship weekend. The Comets, last year's league's midget B Champions, put the Storm to the test with their aggressive and tenacious play, challenging the Storm every shift of the game. Cold Creek took an early lead late in

the first period off a deflection that found its way into the back of the net. The Storm battled back and ramped up their level of play, trying to grind away at the Comets' one goal lead and tie the game at 1-1. A few missed opportunities and bad bounces proved the difference in the game as the Storm girls were unable to notch the tying the goal. Final score 1-0. Great effort, girls!

We will now try and play spoiler against Ennismore this Saturday, Feb. 22, in Minden at 2 p.m. in their provincials bid, as well as West Northumberland the following Saturday, in Minden on March 1 at 2 p.m. Our league playoffs continue with our second round tilt against the Ennismore Eagles in our four-point series, tied at one point each. Get ready for game two of this series on Sunday, March 2 at 1:30 in Haliburton and game three back in Lakefield on March 5 for the "must declare a winner game." Whirl up your storm girls and take on the challenge of battling the Eagles to get to our League Championships.

Submitted by Dan Marsden

## Peewee A heads to Peewee B semi-finals

The Dollo's Foodland Highland Storm Peewee A team, up 2-0 in their series travelled to Gananoque on Saturday to play their third game. Gananoque opened the scoring five minutes into the first period but the Storm team tied it up a

few minutes later on a power-play goal by Lucas Haedicke who seized an opportunity from close in on a rebound. The Storm team then had to kill back to back penalties over the next four minutes and successfully shut-down the Gananoque offense. The rest of the game featured a strong Highland Storm defence and great goaltending by Carson Sisson. The Storm team had a number of chances to put in the go ahead goal as they swarmed the Gananoque end but just couldn't put one in. Tied 1-1 the two teams went into a nail-biting overtime period. The Storm were just one goal away from eliminating Gananoque and as the final minute ticked down it looked like the game was going to end in a tie. The Storm, however, started from a face-off in the Gananoque end and poured on the pressure. There was a wild scramble in front of the Gananoque goal and Owen Gilbert banged-in a loose puck with 21.1 seconds left to give the Storm the series-winning goal. The Dollo's Foodland Highland Storm Peewee A team now advance to the Ontario Peewee B semi-finals with the game schedule yet to be announced. Good work and congratulations to the boys and the coaching staff for a successful series featuring some great hockey.

Submitted by Larry Bukta

## Highland Storm Atom AE: Electric finish to season

This past week the Lions Club Highland Storm Atom AEs treated their fans to a classic hockey playoff series that thrilled packed arenas in both Huntsville and Minden.

The exciting best-of-five series took six games to decide, pitted the underdog Highland Storm against the first place Huntsville Otters, and, featured brilliant shutout performances by Darian Willis, two nail-biting 3 goal comebacks by the Storm and a breathless overtime finale. It does your heart good to see young children playing so competitively and delivering clutch goals, clutch saves, tireless puck battles and Canadian hockey grit.

The game scores tell a great story: 4 - 0 Storm win, 8-2 loss, 2-1 win, 5-5 tie OT, 3-0 loss, and lastly a 4-3 overtime loss.

Highland Storm Players (series points):  
 Darian 'Tuukka' Willis (2 shutouts)  
 Hunter 'Machine' Winder (2 goals, 3 assists)  
 Ty 'Millsy' Mills (great defence)  
 Ava 'G-G' Smith (4 assists)  
 Sterling 'Ling' Nesbitt (great defense)  
 Nick 'Dougie' Phippen (9 G, 4 A)  
 Ben 'Benny' Robinson (1 A)  
 Owen 'OJoe' Harrison (1 G)  
 Brendan 'Big Shooter' Coumbs (3 G, 1 A)  
 Emily 'and I'm all out of Cookies' Alexander (2 A)  
 Jaylin 'Jay Z' Frost (1 A)  
 Emma 'Business Time' Tidey (1 G, 1 A)  
 Zach 'Attack' Davis (2 A)

It's not whether you win or lose it's how you play the game. These nine and 10 year olds played their hearts out for their teammates and fans. The two games in which this team fought back from two- or three-goal deficits to tie games up are some of the most exciting games I've ever watched. This is what I love about hockey.

Thanks for all your hard word this season. Well done team. Thank you parents. Thank you fans. Thank you coaches.

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Submitted by Richard Smith

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## Bantams start quarter final against Ennismore

Highland Storm Smolen Dentistry Bantams started their OMHA play off quarter final series off this week end against Ennismore. Game 1 Saturday was in Haliburton as the Storm lost 7-1. Jake Bishop scored the only goal unassisted. Game 2 was in Ennismore on Sunday as the boys proved that anyone can have a bad game once in a while. Storm came out strong but the Eagles scored at the five-minute mark to make it 1-0. Chase Burden tied it up with 6:21 left with Greg Crofts and Chris Thompson getting the assists. Then with 3:27 left Matt Wilbee scored assisted by Thompson. Eagles managed to tie it up early in the second until the 3:38 mark when Ethan Keefer fired a shot from the point to give them the lead 3-2. Final goal of the game came at 4:24 which was Wilbee's second of the game unassisted. Game 3 is in Minden on Friday at 8:30 with Game 4 in Ennismore on Saturday at 7:30 and if need be Sunday in Minden at 3 p.m.

Come out and cheer the boys on.

Submitted by Craig Smith

## Exercise caution around snowbanks and snowmobiles, police warn

The OPP is asking the public to exercise caution when it comes to snowbanks and snowmobiles. Parents are being asked to discuss the dangers associated with playing on or tunnelling into snowbanks.

With the amount of snow that has fallen this winter, and with more being forecast to fall starting on Tuesday evening, the overall height of area snowbanks is beginning to impede the safety of motorists travelling on the road as those exiting from driveways are unable to have a clear and unobstructed view of approaching traffic.

Chief Superintendent John Tod, Regional Commander of the OPP Central Region is urging drivers to be extra cautious when backing out of driveways. "The height of these snowbanks is making it very hard to see other motor vehicles and snowmobiles that also use our roads at this time of year. If snowbanks cannot be reduced, backing into a driveway may be safer way to provide a means of exit when that time comes."

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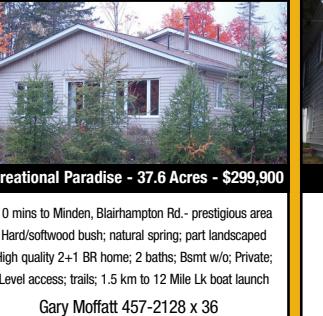
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  - Single Car Garage, FAO & Woodstove
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**Pine Lake \$269,900**

- 100' sandy frontage, flat level lot, gar, shed
  - 2+ bdrm, sunroom, deck, main fl laundry
  - Mins. to shopping, Sir Sam's, full block bsmt
  - 3 lake chain, great fishing and swimming
- Dawn Poissant 457-2128 x 31



**Excellent Opportunity on Halls Lake \$299,900**

- 120 feet of fantastic waterfront
  - Excellent swimming, fishing & boating
  - Original 1940's cabin
  - Plus full bunkie with kitchen & bathroom
- Margie Prestwich 457-2128 x 37



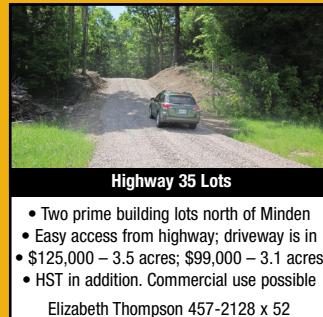
**Great Starter Home \$119,900**

- Located between Haliburton & Minden
  - Many recent upgrades
  - Bunkie, single carport, storage shed
  - Public access to the 5 lake chain close by
- Greg Stamp 457-2128 x 28



**Home Sweet Home! \$179,000**

- Fully renovated and updated home
  - 2 plus 1 bedrooms, open concept living area
  - Great location, just minutes to Haliburton
  - Adjacent lot available at \$34,900.
- Kim Stamp 457-2128 x 24



**Highway 35 Lots**

- Two prime building lots north of Minden
  - Easy access from highway; driveway is in
  - \$125,000 – 3.5 acres; \$99,000 – 3.1 acres
  - HST in addition. Commercial use possible
- Elizabeth Thompson 457-2128 x 52



**Minden Brick Bungalow**

- 2 Bedr, 1 Bath, Full Basement
  - Up to Date Kitchen
  - Beautiful Level Lot with Bush Behind
- Melanie Vigrass 286-2138 x 32



**Halls Lake Beauty \$649,900**

- Classic charm with modern upgrades
  - Incredible 249' of sandy beach waterfront
  - Boathouse and gazebo at waterfront
  - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, stone fireplace
- Tom Wilkinson 286-2138 x 25



**Haliburton Lake \$319,000**

- Winterized 2 bdrm, 1 bath cottage
  - Two-story boathouse with sleeping area
    - Rippled sand shoreline
    - Expansive south-westerly views
- Andrea Wilson 457-2128 x 25



**County Road 21 \$165,000**

- Mins. to Minden conveniences, solid brick
  - 2 bdrm; walk out bsmt.; family room
  - Sep. dining room; fireplace; hardwood floors
  - Raised bungalow; dbl drive & lots of parking
- Dawn Poissant 457-2128 x 31



**Skyline Lot - Vendor Financing \$39,900**

- Level Private Lot, 400' ftg.
  - Great building lot
  - Minutes to town docking
  - Close to all amenities
- Janice Brookes 457-2128 x 22



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**Kinmount Beauty! \$324,900**

- 3 BR, 2 bath spotless bungalow with garage
  - Access with dock (not deeded) to Irondale River
  - Pretty lot, peaceful setting, great country retreat
  - Too many recent upgrades to mention
- Andrew Hodgson 286-2138 x 29

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